EXCLUSIVE: Part 1 of the blockbuster book that has stunned America

How LBJ covered up the evidence after he killed Kennedy

SEIZED: Secret Service agent followed by Dallas Police Chief Jesse Curry carries clothing from the limousine (right) in which JFK was assassinated.

Author Craig Zirbel says LBJ ordered the bloodstained, bullet-riddled garments laundered and the car gutted to suppress evidence.

By CRAIG ZIRBEL

Immediately after the assassination of John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson and his aides took swift steps to conceal or destroy evidence vital to the investigation of the murder of the century.

For instance, Johnson's aide Cliff Carter for no discernible reason sent Secret Service agents to retrieve and launder the bloody and bullet-riddled clothes of Texas Gov. John Connally, who was wounded riding in JFK's limousine. That destroyed the usefulness of this evidence.

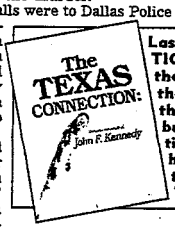
On the evening of Kennedy's death, and immediately upon returning to Washington, Johnson directed Carter to place three separate telephone calls: The first call was to Dallas District Attorney Henry Wade ordering him not to allege a conspiracy — whether "he could prove it or not" and to "just charge Oswald with plain murder." Wade charged Oswald alone with the murder.

The second and third calls were to Dallas Police Chief Jesse Curry and Police Captain William Fritz. Each man received similar calls from Carter insisting that all local evidence be immediately turned over to the FBI in Washington (which had no *jurisdiction* in the case).

Chief Curry later would disclose only that the order came from someone in "high authority in Washington." According to others, when people refused to obey Carter's orders, a follow-up demand actually came via a personal phone call from President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The persuasion obviously worked, because within less than 12 hours after Kennedy's murder, all evidence collected in the case to that point was sent to Washington, including Oswald's gun.

The sending of all the important evidence to Washington the night of the assassination and after Oswald was charged with the state crime of murder in a Texas court is another of the unsolved mysteries surrounding the assassination. If Oswald was supposed to be prosecuted in Texas, why did Lyndon Johnson, on Friday night, November 22, order all the evidence shipped to Washington? His action indicates Johnson already knew Oswald would never live long enough to face trial.



Last week, in a world-exclusive interview with The NATIONAL ENQUIRER, attorney Craig Zirbel — who's studied the assassination of John F. Kennedy for 11 years — made the shocking charge that Lyndon B. Johnson masterminded the murder. And in this first installment from his blockbuster new book "The Texas Connection: The Assassination of John F. Kennedy," Zirbel reveals in stunning detail how Johnson spearheaded a massive cover-up to hide the truth about the horrifying slaying . . . once again, only in The ENQUIRER!

MINUTES TO LIVE: President Kennedy shortly before he was shot. Author Zirbel says Johnson persuaded JFK to make the trip to Dallas so he could be assassinated.

Johnson also made certain there could be no close examination of the death vehicle — the limousine Kennedy was riding in when the bullets ripped into him.

First he had the limo shipped from Dallas to Washington. Then, before Kennedy was even buried, Johnson ordered it to be shipped again to Detroit for complete refurbishing.

The body and windows of the limousine were replaced and the interior was gutted, destroying all evidence of bullet marks, blood patterns, bullet directions and occupants' exact positions.

While normally the deliberate destruction of evidence is a crime, if a prime suspect who happens to be President does it, in America it seems the activity is not worthy of investigating!

Much of the evidence that LBJ ordered seized, despite strong public objection and for unexplainable reasons, was sealed away for generations, till the year 2039, by the Warren Commission — whose members were handpicked by Lyndon Johnson.

Johnson then approved the commission's action.

Why would Lyndon Johnson not want a thorough investigation if he was not involved? He certainly had to have been aware that he was a logical person to be under suspicion, and if the only way to clear his name was a full-blown, "let-'er-rip" investigation, does anyone doubt, knowing what we do of him, that he would have hesitated for a moment?

NEXT WEEK

Lyndon Johnson's bizarre behavior right after the JFK assassination — while others mourned the horrifying murder, Johnson calmly ate vegetable soup and drank JFK's bottled water.

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